

FAIRFIELD

Institute Notes—Fall Ploughing—Covers for Fields—Passage of Taft—Audubon Society—Village Improvements—A New Aeroplane.

The tables at the Farmers' Institute, held at the Greenfield Hill Country club house, were decorated with bunches of daffodils, while the speaker's desk in the theatre contained a big bouquet of carnations of all colors from the hothouses of the president, Nellis Sherwood. The dinner which was served proved to be very appetizing and bountiful. All kinds of home made Yankee pies, puddings, baked beans, rolls, boiled ham, scalloped potatoes, chicken salad, coffee and cakes. This Institute is famous for its dinners.

John Boyle very kindly took a load of newspaper men up to the Farmers' Institute in his Overland auto, and brought them back to the center of the town.

A few of the gentlemen and ladies noticed in attendance upon the Institute, besides those who took part in the exercises, were Mr. Fennell, Mr. Milford, Selectman Fox, ex-Selectman A. B. Wakeman, Deacon A. P. Wakeman, William Hall, Supt. Wheatley, W. C. Burr, Simon C. Bradley, J. Frank Elwood, Allen Jennings, John Morehouse, Joseph Burr, Mrs. Florence Hall, Charles Gray, John Lobdell, Miss Edna Hall, Howard Edwards, Harold Hull, Burr Ogden, Mrs. Wesley Burr, Miss Laella Burr, Horace Banks, Oliver Meeker, Mr. Beers, the organist, W. Burr Hills, Milton Jennings, Howard Wakeman, William H. Burr, Robert Wilson, D. Fran' Brown, Davis Smith, Herman Pease, Eugene Burr, Albert Hull, Dwight Janks, Martin Jennings, Mrs. Sturges, Miss Maud Prentice, Mrs. Barlow Hill, Howard Gray, Warren Ogden, Howard Wade, Arthur Hubbell, Sherwood Wakeman, Henry Burr, Edward Banks, Mrs. Nellis H. Sherwood, Mrs. Simon Bradley, Mrs. D. R. Adams, Mrs. George H. Merwin, Miss Ethel Knapp, Miss Kate Knapp, Miss Maud Wilson, Miss Laella Wade, Miss Jennie Hull, Edward Smith, Harry Edwards, and Mrs. Wilmer Pratt.

Judging from appearances there is quite a large acreage of fall plowing in town. The winter opened so mild many farmers took the opportunity to plough, evidently thinking to save time in the spring. There are those who think it is unadvisable to plough fields and leave the soil exposed all winter to the air. One of these gentlemen is Mr. R. N. Penny, of Greens Farms, who used to be a Long Island farmer but who thinks the land and climate in this State is good enough for anybody. He is pleased with the conditions in and around Fairfield. He says cover your land up. There is too much bare in the winter. The injury is not so much in the dirt and wash as it is in the loss of nitrogen. He says an example of this was seen last spring on Mr. Berger's farm. He left in his field stacks of corn stalks, which were removed in the spring. The ground was then sowed to oats and everywhere the stacks had stood the oats were much higher than in other places. Cover the land, and for every acre nitrogen will be saved equal to one ton of the best quality of commercial fertilizers. The benefit derived from New York manure spread on the land in the fall is the saving of the nitrogen. It has not much other value. He says make their own vegetable matter and leave it on the ground. He would not mow a meadow the second time. The ground needs to be covered for what there is in it. Grow clover for a cover or second crop, and not much fertilizer will be needed.

A number of ladies and children were at the depot yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to see the Presidential train pass through the town. The President's car was a parlor observation car, attached at the rear of the train, and he could be plainly seen within.

Samuel Randolph and mother are visiting in Norwich. The Young Ladies' Sewing Society of the Congregational church held a very delightful and successful cake and candy sale. The event attracted many of our well known citizens and a big sum was the result.

Mrs. Mabel Osgood Wright is in town for over Sunday. She came up from the city to attend the meeting of the Audubon society at the residence of Mrs. William B. Glover, yesterday. It was a business meeting, but plans for spring work was talked over.

The Village Improvement Society, through its executive committee, held a meeting on Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Kippen. A good many improvements are now going on in the village, such as trimming the shade trees in Main street, the repainting of the famous Aaron Burr house, now the property of A. Holland Forbes, and the driving of stakes along the side of the steam railway to indicate the places where the concrete pillars are to be erected for the support of the iron work which will

be used in the electrification of the road from Stamford to New Haven. As it is about settled that the Bridgeport Electric Light Company will furnish electric lights for the town, the Improvement Society did not discuss that matter.

The Foresters will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to elect a delegate to the coming convention at Danbury.

The funeral of Sarah C. Taylor was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the house of her brother, Orlando Edwood, in Southport.

The Afternoon Club is being entertained this afternoon by Mrs. John Drew.

The King's Highway through Southport is said to be in excellent condition. Motorists think it as good a bit of road as they find between New York and Boston.

Thursday evening John Brothwell, the well known milk dealer, gave a large whisky party at his residence. After all the prizes had been won, refreshments were served.

Townpeople who live in the region of Greenfield Hill will be somewhat interested to know that Gustave Whitehead has the reputation of having constructed an aeroplane, upon which he has been at work for the past three years, and that he hopes soon to make a trial trip. This will be a good opportunity for Mr. Boyle to construct that long talked of landing stage upon the parkway. The machine is said to have a 70 horse power engine, which weighs some 275 pounds, while the total weight of the machine is 1,200 pounds.

St. Patrick's church in Perry's hall is one of the latest reported social events.

The engagement is announced of Mrs. Anna Spencer, widow, to Cornelius White of this town. Mrs. Spencer abides in Westport.

It is said Oliver Jennings, Mr. Roscoe and Mr. Pinkham will purchase automobiles.

Two new pupils have arrived at the Hargrove school in town—Mr. Bradford of Nashville, and Mr. Abbott of Pittsburg. Most of the students at this school plan to spend tomorrow in New York.

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New York, March 20.—Somebody knocked over a can of molten solder on the roof of Pier B, one of the Lehigh Valley Railroad's eight freight piers just above the Jersey Central's ferryhouse and railroad station in Communipaw yesterday afternoon. The result was a Scotch plaid fire which destroyed \$200,000 worth of property and gave the river edge of Jersey City a real fire scare.

Moored in the slips were lighters loaded with cotton, hard coal, pig iron and miscellaneous merchandise. Rearward and to the centre of the base of the docks were the tall, square Lehigh Valley elevator. A British tramp steamer was tied up in the gap, one of the outlets of the Morris Canal, hard by the burning pier. The big Jersey Central passenger station was within 300 yards of the fire to the southeast and north of it were factories and warehouses.

Before the Jersey department could get its engines to the waterside Pier B was flaming from end to end. The fire was driving inshore and it looked as if the fire was sure to spread to the other docks. Pier B and everything in it was given over to the flames. It was impossible to save it; the fire had too much start. The New York fireboats of the docks were the tall, square Lehigh Valley elevator. A British tramp steamer was tied up in the gap, one of the outlets of the Morris Canal, hard by the burning pier. The big Jersey Central passenger station was within 300 yards of the fire to the southeast and north of it were factories and warehouses.

At 5 o'clock the fire was whipped. The roof and sides of the 600 foot Pier B had fallen in and a section of Pier C was badly singed. The other piers were uninjured and the damage had been confined to the point where the fire started.

A RIGHT BEGINNING.
If you begin right by spending Sunday evening in church, it helps you to keep right during the remainder of the week. At the First Methodist church tomorrow evening, the pastor, Rev. George M. Brown, will explain "Where Unbelief Does Not Count." You ought to hear this sermon, and you are sure to thoroughly enjoy the music of the big organ and the singing.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Christ Episcopal church, Courtland street, Rev. E. J. Craft, rector—Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:15 p. m.; evening prayer 7:30.

St. John's church, corner Park and Fairfield avenues, Rev. Wm. H. Lewis, D. D., rector. Morning prayer, 8 a. m.; Men's Bible class, 9 a. m.; confirmation and sermon by Rt. Rev. C. B. Brewster, D. D., and Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible classes for men and women, 12 m.; evening prayer, 5 p. m. Week-day services in the chapel: Monday, Thursday and Saturday, evening prayer 5 p. m.; Tuesday, evening prayer and address by Rev. K. Mackenzie, Jr., 5 p. m.; Wednesday, evening prayer, litany and address by Rev. F. H. Miller, 8 p. m.; Thursday, (Feast of the Annunciation), Holy Communion, 11 a. m.; Friday, litany and address by Rev. K. Mackenzie, Jr., 4:55 p. m.

First Congregational church, corner Broad and Bank streets, Rev. John DePea, pastor, with sermon, 10:30 a. m., annual collection for the Congregational Church Building Society. Second service, 4:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible class at noon. Wednesday evening prayer meeting in the chapel at 7:45 o'clock.

Olivet Congregational church, North Main street, Morgan A. Scott, minister. All seats free. Morning service at 10:30, "Life's Surprises." Evening service at 7:30. At the evening service the minister will give straight answers to questions asked by the congregation. Wednesday evening at 7:45, exposition of the International Sunday school lesson.

King's Highway Congregational church, Spring street near Noble avenue, Rev. P. E. Mathias, pastor. Services: Preaching 10:45; Sunday school 12:15; C. E. 6:30; preaching 7:30. Morning subject, "Choosing Our Companions"; evening subject, "Making Excuses." During the morning service there will be an address to boys and girls.

West End Congregational church, Colorado avenue, between Fairfield avenue and State street, W. J. Maurer, minister. Sermon tomorrow morning by Rev. R. G. Higginbotham of South church, subject "The Law of Retaliation." The first quarterly benevolent offering for 1909 will be collected at this service. Sunday school at noon. Christian Endeavor at 6:30; evening service at 7:30. The pastor will talk on the life of Felix Mendelssohn.

In the First Methodist Episcopal church, Fairfield avenue and Broad street, the pastor, George M. Brown, will speak morning and evening. The topic at 10:30 will be, "The Kingdom of Our Lord." Sunday school will meet at 12:15. The Epworth League service at 6:30 will be conducted by Mr. J. W. Horton. At 7:30 the pastor will speak upon "Where Unbelief Does Not Count." The church announces the following for the coming week: Monday night, banquet for Boys' Brigade; Tuesday night, lecture by Dr. A. A. Williams on "On a Shine"; Wednesday night, Fanny Crosby's birthday celebration; Thursday night, closing social and reception of the conference year; Friday night, class meetings.

People's Presbyterian church, Lincoln hall, 62 Cannon street, Rev. H. A. Davenport, minister. Divine worship 10:30 a. m.; 12:15 p. m.; 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 12:15 p. m. and 5 p. m. Personal Workers 6:15. The church at prayer Wednesday 7:45 p. m. All are welcomed.

First Presbyterian church, State street, corner Middle avenue, Rev. John MacLaren Richardson, pastor. Services: Morning 10:30 and evening 7:30; noon; morning, "Fear God"; evening, "Cause and effect in Christian Living." Sunday school at 12:15. Advent Christian church, Barnum avenue corner Brooks street, I. M. Blanchard, preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Evangelist A. C. Johnson of Hartford, who will conduct special services during the week.

German Reformed church, Congress street near Main, Rev. H. G. Wisner, pastor. Sunday services 10:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m. Weekly Lenten service, Wednesday, 8 p. m. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 871 Lafayette street. Service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Matter." Sunday school 12:15. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open every week day morning from 10 to 1 and every afternoon including Sunday, from 3 to 5. Also Friday evening. All are welcome to both the service and to the privileges of the reading room.

**SHUT DOWN IN
THE COAL FIELDS**

PROBABLE THAT WORK IN THE ANTHRACITE DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED APRIL 1.
(Special from United Press.)

New York, March 20.—There will be a suspension of work in the anthracite coal fields beginning on April 1st, according to prominent operators whether or not the United Mine Workers of America declare a strike. But this will not mean that the fields are to be tied up indefinitely. It will be action similar to that taken three years ago when the difficulties between the miners and operators were threatening. Similar action is expected this year by the Union.

The anthracite convention meets next Tuesday in Scranton. Most of the delegates have been elected and there is expected to be a wide difference of opinion between them as to what is to be done. The convention will finally adopt new demands which will be submitted to the operators at a date to be decided on later. Just what the demands will consist of is hard to say although it is reported that the union will be willing to abandon all other claims if the operators will recognize the union and sign an agreement with it.

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